

Committee Meetings

SPEAK OUT ACT; REPORT ON ENDING HUNGER IN AMERICA

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on S. 4524, the “Speak Out Act”; and a draft report on Ending Hunger in America: Challenges, Opportunities and the Political Will to Succeed. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule providing for consideration of S. 4524, the “Speak Out Act”. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to commit. The rule provides that at any time through the legislative day of November 18, 2022, the Speaker may entertain motions offered by the Majority Leader or a designee that the House suspend the rules with respect to multiple measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on the legislative day of November 14, 15, 16, 17, or 18, 2022, on which the yeas and nays were ordered and further proceedings postponed. The Chair shall put the question on any such motion without debate or intervening motion, and the ordering of the yeas and nays on postponed motions to suspend the rules with respect to such measures is vacated. The rule provides that proceedings may be postponed through November 18, 2022, on measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on the legislative days of November 14 or November 15, 2022, and on which the yeas and nays were ordered. Section 4 of the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from November 21, 2022, through November 28, 2022, the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved. The rule provides that for the duration of the period addressed by Section 4: the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair; and that each day shall not constitute a calendar day for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution, a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII, or a calendar or legislative day for purposes of clause 7(c)(1) of rule XXII. The rule provides that House Resolution 1463 is hereby adopted. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cicilline and Massie.

Joint Meetings

RUSSIA’S GENOCIDAL INTENT IN UKRAINE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on Russia’s genocidal intent and actions in Ukraine, the evidence, and the case for a congressional declaration from Timothy Snyder, Yale University; Maria Kurinna, Ukrainian human rights activist; Eugene Finkel, Johns Hopkins University; and Erin Rosenberg, Mukwege Foundation and Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1066)

H.R. 468, to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit the use of incentive payments to expedite certain federally financed airport development projects. Signed on October 10, 2022. (Public Law 117–186)

H.R. 1766, to enhance cooperation between the Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General to combat unfair and deceptive practices. Signed on October 10, 2022. (Public Law 117–187)

H.R. 4877, to amend the Small Business Act to require the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to create a centralized website for compliance guides. Signed on October 10, 2022. (Public Law 117–188)

H.R. 5641, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to increase the threshold for eligibility for assistance under sections 403, 406, 407, and 502 of such Act. Signed on October 10, 2022. (Public Law 117–189)

H.R. 7500, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022. Signed on October 10, 2022. (Public Law 117–190)

H.R. 7846, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2022, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on October 10, 2022. (Public Law 117–191)

H.R. 8982, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to suspend temporarily rates of duty on imports of certain infant formula base powder used in the manufacturing of infant formula in the United States. Signed on October 10, 2022. (Public Law 117–192)

H.R. 91, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 810 South Pendleton Street in Easley, South Carolina, as the “Private First